

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 22 as follows:

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The game as illustrated in Figs. 3A through 6 does not resemble the known primary games of slot poker, keno or blackjack. Indeed, the embodiments illustrated to this point are preferably a bonus game which can be triggered by any of the above mentioned primary games or any other primary game. The bonus game preferably includes indicia and a theme in accordance with a theme of the base game. In one implementation, the theme of the game includes a mother kangaroo and baby kangaroos or joeys.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 7 has as follows:

Since the different methods have substantially different potential outcomes, the generation of the methods is preferably weighted, although it does not have to be. Generally, the more drastically the original award may change due to a modification method, the less likely it is that the game generates that modification method.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a display device;
an original award having a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and
a processor which communicates with the display device, which rearranges the digits of the original award, which causes the display device to display said rearranged digits and which provides a modified award to a player wherein the rearranged digits indicate the amount of the modified award.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of player selectable positions displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to select the positions, associates digits with the player's selection of the positions and determines the original award based on an order of the digits associated with the positions.

[Please amend Claim 7 as follows:]

7. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of masked digits displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to arrange at least two of the masked digits in an order, and the original award is based on the order of the masked digits arranged by the player.

[Please amend Claim 8 as follows:]

8. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of selections displayed by the display device, wherein the processor associates digits with said selections, and which enables a player to associate selections with a one's digit, a ten's digit and a hundred's digit of the original award provided to the player.

[Please amend Claim 9 as follows:]

9. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a display device;

an original award having a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and

a processor which communicates with the display device, which adds a new digit to the digits of the original award, displays a new award including said new digit and provides the new award to a player, wherein the digits of the original award and the new digit indicate the amount of the new award.

Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of player selectable positions displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to select the positions, associates digits with the player's selection of the positions and which determines the original award based on an order of the digits associated with the positions.

Please amend Claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of masked digits displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to arrange at least two of the masked digits in an order, and the original award is based on the order of the masked digits arranged by the player.

Please amend Claim 15 follows:

15. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of selections displayed by the display device, wherein the processor associates digits with said selections, and which enables a player to associate selections with a one's digit, a ten's digit and a hundred's digit of the original award provided to the player.

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a display device;

an original award having a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and

a processor which communicates with the display device, which removes a digit from the digits of the original award, displays a new award without the removed digit and provides the new award to a player, wherein the digits of the original award with the digit removed indicate the amount of the new award.

Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of player selectable positions displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to select the positions, associates digits with the player's selection of the positions and determines the original award based on an order of the digits associated with the positions.

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[Please amend Claim 21 as follows:]

21. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of masked digits displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to arrange at least two of the masked digits in an order, and the original award is based on the order of the masked digits arranged by the player.

[Please amend Claim 22 as follows:]

22. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of selections displayed by the display device, wherein the processor associates digits with said selections, and which enables a player to associate selections with a one's digit, a ten's digit and a hundred's digit of the original award provided to the player.

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[Please amend Claim 23 as follows:]

23. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a display device;
a processor that communicates with the display device;
an original award including a plurality of digits displayed by the display device,
said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the
digits indicate an amount of the original award;
a plurality of different award modification methods which are adapted to modify at
least one of the digits of the original award; and
a player selectable modify input which communicates with the processor, an
activation of which initiates one of the award modification methods selected from the
plurality of award modification methods.

[Please amend Claim 24 as follows:]

24. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the award modification
method includes a rearrangement of the digits of the original award, wherein the
rearranged digits indicate an amount of a modified award.

[Please amend Claim 25 as follows:]

25. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the award modification
method includes an award regeneration from numbers used to form the original award,
wherein the regenerated numbers indicate an amount of a modified award.

[Please amend Claim 26 as follows:]

26. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the award modification
method includes adding a digit to the original award, wherein the digits of the original
award and the new digit indicate an amount of a modified award.

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[Please amend Claim 27 as follows:]

27. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the award modification method includes removing a digit from the original award, wherein the digits of the original award with the digit removed indicate an amount of a modified award.

[Please amend Claim 28 as follows:]

28. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the award modification method includes multiplying the original award by a number, wherein a product of the multiplication results in a modified award.

[Please amend Claim 29 as follows:]

29. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a display device;

an original award including a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award;

a plurality of different award modification methods which are adapted to modify at least one of the digits of the original award; and

a processor that communicates with the display device and randomly initiates one of the modification methods selected from the plurality of modification methods.

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[Please amend Claim 30 as follows:]

30. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a display device;

an original award represented by a plurality of individual digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and

a final award provided to a player, said final award including a modification of the digits of the original award displayed by the display device, wherein the modified digits of the original award indicate an amount of the final award and wherein the modification of the original award is selected from the group consisting of: a rearrangement of at least two of the digits of the original award, an addition of a digit to the digits of the original award, a removal of one of the digits of the original award, and a modification of at least one of the digits of the original award.
